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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED STATUS OF SUBJECT PROJECT WITH FAROUK ABU SHAMAT, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF DAMASCUS UNIVERSITY. S/G SAID THAT UNIVERSITY HAS RECEIVED 12 SUBMISSIONS FROM INTERESTED FIRMS SINCE PROJECT ANNOUNCED NOVEMBER, 1977. ONE MORE SUBMISSION (FROM SWEDISH FIRM) WAS RECEIVED AFTER JANUARY 31, 1978 CLOSING DATE, OF THESE, THREE FIRMS (INCLUDING SWEDISH ONE) SUBMITTED FINANCING PROPOSALS.
2. S/G CONFIRMED THAT PROJECT IS NOW IN ABEYANCE, PENDING AVAILABILITY OF NECESSARY FINANCING. SARG HAS EXAMINED NEITHER TECHNICAL NOR FINANCIAL BIDS SUBMITTED BY THIRTEEN FIRMS. SARG IS PLANNING TO RETENDER PROJECT. ONCE FINANCING IS OBTAINED, S/G PROMISED THAT EMBASSY WOULD BE INFORMED ONCE THIS DONE.
3. FINANCING FOR PROJECT WOULD BE REQUIRED ONLY FOR EQUIPMENT AND STUDY PORTIONS OF CONTRACT, NOT FOR HOSPITAL STRUCTURE, ACCORDING TO S/G.

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4. AS FOR SPECIFICATIONS, RETENDERING WOULD BE CONDUCTED ON BASIS OF ORIGINAL PEARSON STUDY. NEW STUDIES WOULD BE CONSIDERED ONLY IF EXPANSION OF PROJECT WERE DECIDED ON. (ACCORDING TO SOURCES ON FACULTY OF MEDICINE STAFF, 640-BED HOSPITAL BEING CONTEMPLATED IS TOO SMALL FOR NEEDS).
5. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: ALTHOUGH S/G DID NOT

INDICATE THIS EXPLICITLY, BELIEVE THAT PROPOSALS WITH FINANCING WOULD RECEIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION, GIVEN TIGHT CONSTRAINTS ON SPENDING AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE NOW BEING IMPOSED BY SARG. S/G INDICATED THAT ANY FURTHER PROPOSALS, RECOMMENDATIONS ETC. SHOULD BE SENT TO DR. MUSTAPHA HADDAD, RECTOR, DAMASCUS UNIVERSITY, MUSALLAM BAROUDI ST., DAMASCUS, SYRIA. INTERESTED FIRMS SHOULD BE INFORMED OF PROJECT STATUS, AS OUTLINED ABOVE.
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